

Lawyer Insists Hoffa Discussed His Case on Tapped Mobile Phone

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Aug. 21 (UPI)—Teamsters President James Hoffa discussed his 1964 jury tampering case with attorneys via mobile telephone despite fears the conversations were monitored by Justice Department investigators, a Federal judge was told today.

William Bufalino of Detroit, who represented Hoffa in both the jury tampering case here and the so-called "test fleet case at Nashville, said he did not know whether Hoffa knew such calls could easily be overheard with commercial FM radio equipment.

Hoffa and three co-defendants are attempting to show the Justice Department has not made a complete disclosure of all electronic surveillance surrounding the jury tampering trial. Hoffa is serving an eight-year prison sentence for jury tampering.

Bufalino testified Hoffa re-

fused to heed his pleas not to discuss the case over the telephone.

"I'm telling you that Mr. Hoffa did talk on that phone," he said. "He talked with me about the case."

Bufalino also said he thought he was shadowed by a Justice Department investigator when he went to New Orleans in 1964 to confer with Louisiana Teamsters Union of-

ficial Grady Partin, the government's star witness.

He said the man who appeared to be following him even stepped from a hotel room next to his own on one occasion.

U.S. District Judge Frank Wilson turned over to defense lawyers today a duplicate tape and a transcript of a recording made in Partin's car in Nashville in 1962.